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Serial No. 10/652,582 : **FOR TRACTOR HAVING ROPS**  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit this Information Disclosure Statement together with a completed Form PTO/SB/08A and a copy of the foreign reference cited thereon.

This application corresponds and claims priority to Japanese Application Nos. 2002-278095 and 2002-278096, both filed September 24, 2002.

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The relevance of Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 10-7014 is indicated on Page 1, lines 20-21 of the specification. U. S. Patent No. 6,056,502 is provided as the substantially corresponding English-language equivalent, as the contents of U. S. 6,056,502 and JP 10-7014 are substantially identical.

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